

**REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated December 2, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 2, 2004.

Claims 54-61 remain pending in the application after canceling claims 1-53 and adding new claims 58-61. Claims 54-57 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. New claims 58-61 have not been examined.

New claims 58-61 are generic to allowed claims 54-57 as claims 58-61 are copies of claims 54-57 except that each occurrence of "copper electroless bath" in claims 54-57 has been replaced with "copper electrochemical bath". Applicant respectfully submits that claims 58-61 have the same basis for patentability as claims 54-57 since allowance of claims 54-57 was based on the process sequence and not the specific type of electrochemical bath. Allowance of claims 54-61 is respectfully requested.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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